



Approved Medications to Treat Complications of HIV/AIDS

Management of HIV disease and its complications changed dramatically with the introduction of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART). The incidence of opportunistic infections declined and new complications, including heart, liver, metabolic, and neurologic complications, emerged.

This list is based on information provided by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and focuses primarily on medications used to treat opportunistic infections. It is not meant to be a complete listing of all medications used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS complications.

Complication	Generic Name	Brand and Other Names	Manufacturer	FDA Approval Date
1. Appetite and weight loss				
	Dronabinol	Marinol	Roxane Laboratories	December 23, 1992
	Megestrol acetate	Megace	Bristol Myers Squibb	September 10, 1993
	Somatropin	Serostim	Serono	August 23, 1996
2. AZT-induced anemia				
	Epoetin alfa	Procrit, Epogen, EPO	Amgen	December 31, 1990
3. CMV retinitis				
	Cidofovir	Vistide, HPMPC	Gilead	June 27, 1996
	Fomiviresen sodium injection	Vitracene intravitreal injectable	Isis Pharmaceuticals	August 26, 1998
	Foscavir	Foscarnet	Astra Pharmaceuticals	September 27, 1991
	Ganciclovir	Cytovene, DHPG	Roche	June 23, 1989
	Ganciclovir insert	Vitrasert implant	Bausch & Lomb	March 5, 1996
	Valganciclovir	Valcyte	Roche	March 29, 2001

4. Fungal Infection

Amphotericin B	Abelcet, Ambisome	various	November 20, 1995
Fluconazole	Diflucan	Pfizer	January 29, 1990
Itraconazole	Sporanox	Janssen Pharmaceuticals	September 11, 1992

5. Hepatitis C

Interferon alfa-2a	Roferon A	Roche	November 21, 1988
Interferon alfa-2b	Intron A	Schering	November 21, 1988

6. Herpes

Famciclovir	Famvir	Novartis	June 12, 1998
Foscavir	Foscarnet	Astra Pharmaceuticals	September 27, 1991

7. Immune Booster

Immune globulin	Gamimune N, gamma globulin, IGIV	Bayer Biologicals	December 27, 1993
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8. Kaposi's sarcoma

Alitretinoin	Panretin gel	Ligand Pharmaceuticals	February 2, 1999
Daunorubicin - liposomal	DaunoXome	Gilead	April 4, 1997
Doxorubicin hydrochloride - liposomal	Doxil	Ortho Biotech	November 17, 1995
Interferon alfa-2a	Roferon A	Roche	November 21, 1988
Interferon alfa-2b	Intron A	Schering	November 21, 1988
Paclitaxel	Taxol	Bristol Myers Squibb	August 4, 1997

9. Mycobacterium avium

Azithromycin	Zithromax	Pfizer	June 14, 1996
Clarithromycin	Biaxin, Klacid	Abbott Laboratories	December 23, 1993
Rifabutin	Mycobutin, Ansamycin	Adria Pharmaceuticals	June 15, 1989

10. Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP)

Atovaquone	Mepron	GlaxoSmithKline	November 25, 1992
Pentamidine isethionate	NebuPent	Fujisawa	June 15, 1989
Sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim	Bactrim, Septra	various	June 23, 1981
Trimetrexate glucuronate and leucovorin	Neutrexin	MedImmune	December 17, 1993